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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97, and § 1.98, Applicant herewith makes of record the following publications which may be material during prosecution of the above-referenced patent application.

U.S. Patent No. 5,601,710 (Yoon *et al*)

German Publication No. DE 3903675 A1, published August 9, 1990, including  
English abstract

German Publication No. DE 9408546.3 U1, published August 4, 1994, including  
English abstract

European Publication No. EP 612549 A2, A3, published August 31 1994,  
including English abstract

German Publication No. DE 29610290 U1, published August 22, 1996, including English abstract

European Publication No. EP 748646 A2, published December 18, 1996

German Publication No. DE 19613101 A1, published October 2, 1997, including English abstract

German Publication No. DE 19539918 C1, published February 6, 1997, including English abstract

These references were cited in an International Search Report in the corresponding International patent application PCT/DE00/04299 and in the examination of German Patent No. 299 21 168.1. Since the International Search Report and publications therein have previously been transmitted to all the designated Offices by the International Bureau, Applicant does not enclose copies of those publications (A1, A2, A4 and A5). However, Applicant encloses English abstracts for the foregoing publications (A2, A4 and A5). Applicant, additionally, encloses copies of publications (A3, A6, A7 and A8) cited in the examination of the parent application, German Patent No. 299 21 168.1, including English abstracts. A reproduction of PTO Form 1449 accompanies this statement.


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